

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Monday, October 26, 2015

Chair Heinrich called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Jim Heinrich, Duane Paulson, Richard Morris, Eric Highum, and Larry Nelson. Steve Whittow arrived at 9:15 a.m. **Absent:** Bill Zaborowski.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Administration Director Norm Cummings, Citizen Mary Emery, Budget Specialist Bill Duckwitz, Budget Manager Linda Witkowski, Human Resources Manager Jim Richter, County Board Supervisor Kathleen Cummings, Senior Financial Analysts Steve Trimborn and Clara Daniels, and County Board Chair Paul Decker. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Public Comment

Emery commented on the increased cost to demolish the former Human Services Building due to a recent asbestos analysis. She asked that the building instead be leased, thus generating additional revenues.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

- November 4

Discuss and Consider 2016 Capital Projects, Debt Service, and Non-Departmental Budgets (General Fund, Health & Dental Insurance Fund, Contingency Fund)

N. Cummings and Duckwitz reviewed the proposed 2016 Debt Service Fund which lists total debt at \$14,653,617 – an increase of \$34,000 from the adopted 2015 budget. The County tax levy in this fund totals \$13,109,500 – an increase of \$159,500. Expenditures in the Capital Projects budget totals \$20,782,800 – an increase of \$4,461,400. The County tax levy in this budget totals \$1,747,000 – a decrease of \$103,000.

Regarding capital projects, Paulson noted he voted against the County Board Room upgrade but said there seems to be plenty of support for it. Highum objected to two North Avenue projects and may propose an amendment at tomorrow's County Board meeting. Nelson objected to razing the former Human Services Building.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Morris to tentatively approve the capital projects portion of the proposed 2016 Debt Service Fund. Motion carried 4-1. Nelson voted no.

Whittow arrived at 9:15 a.m.

N. Cummings and Duckwitz discussed the remaining Debt Service Fund.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Whittow to tentatively approve the remaining proposed 2016 Debt Service Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

N. Cummings and Duckwitz reviewed the proposed 2016 Non-Departmental Fund. Both revenues and expenditures in the Non-Departmental General Fund totals \$1,906,600 – an increase of \$47,100 or 2.5% from the adopted 2015 budget. The County tax levy totals \$46,200 – a decrease of \$15,000 or 24.5%. This fund includes the Health and Dental Insurance Fund which includes a budget of \$23,348,500 – an increase of \$369,000. Also included in Non-Departmental is the Contingency Fund. Cummings distributed copies of “Contingency Fund Appropriations/Expenditures.” The Contingency Fund has a budget of \$1,200,000 – a zero increase from the previous year.

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Morris to tentatively approve the proposed 2016 Non-Departmental Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Amendments to the 2016 Waukesha County Operating Budget

Mader distributed copies of Amendment FIN-1 to accept a \$96,600 federal grant for 2016 for the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council and it was briefly discussed.

MOTION: Nelson moved, second by Whittow to approve FIN-1. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Highum moved, second by Morris to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Zaborowski
Secretary